



Council Agenda Item

Meeting Date:	November 19, 2024
Agenda Item:	Staff Update on Absentee Ballot Numbering Process
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BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what, when, where, why)

At the November 7, 2024 council meeting, Larry Kachel posed a question to Council about why we can't pre-number Absentee ballots prior to the polls opening. Council then directed Staff to update the Council as to why this process could not be done to speed up the Absentee Ballot process.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Per WI State Statute 6.88 (3)(a) and 7.52 (3)(a) for Central Count cities, Absentee ballots cannot be processed outside of polls being open. Everything has to be done in front of observers if any choose to be there, and if they done outside of polling hours, observers do not have a chance to be there.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

WI State Statute 6.88 (3)(a)

WI State Statute 4.52 (3)(a)